

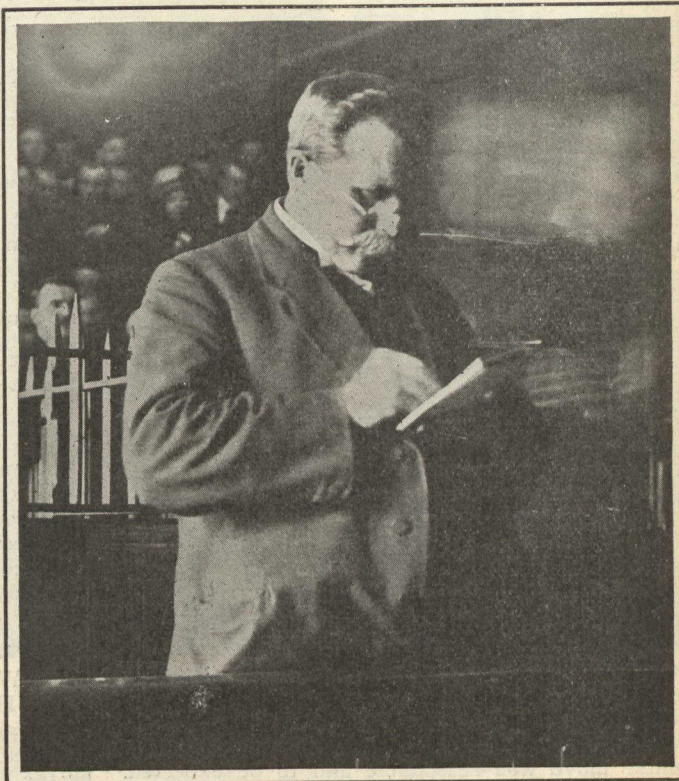
The Coal Strike and the Navy



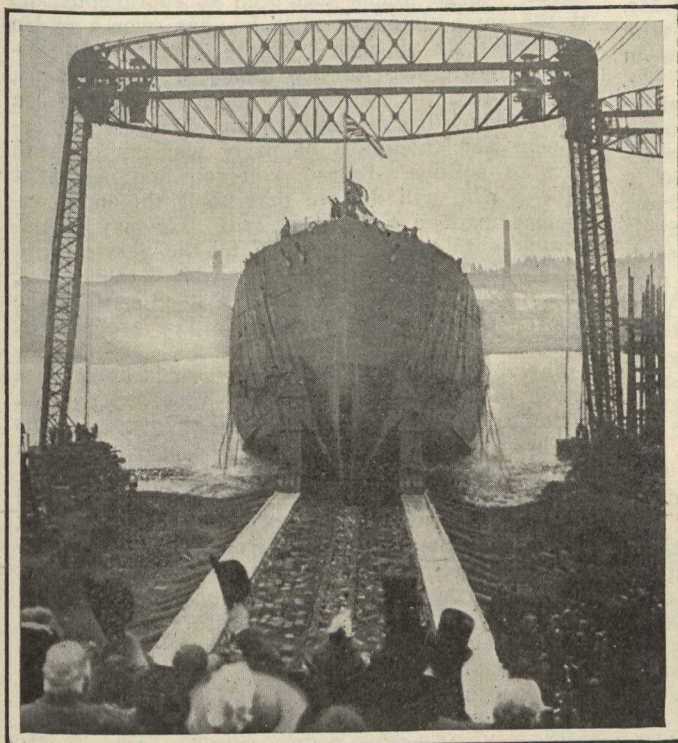
Guy Bowman, Benjamin E. Buck and Charles E. Buck Being Tried for Sedition at the Old Bailey.



Tom Mann Leaving St. Pancras for Salford in Charge of Detectives.



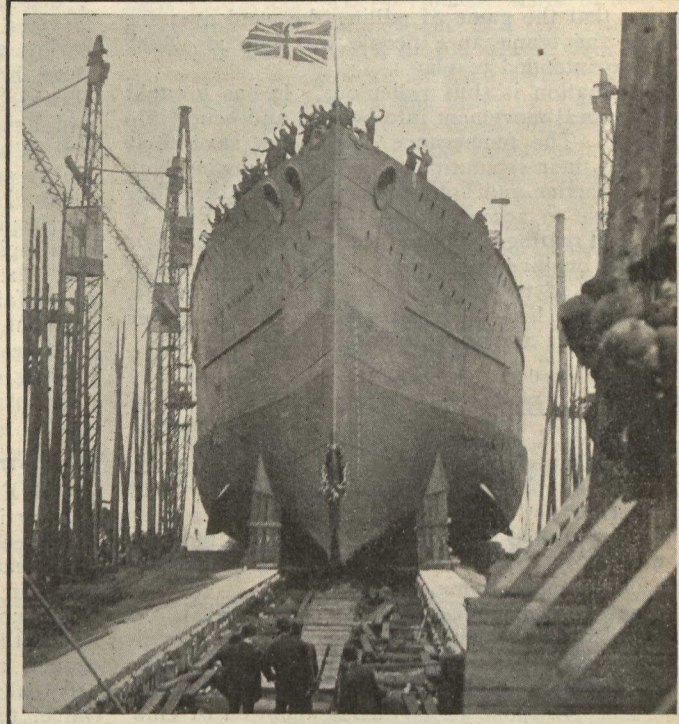
The Labour Leader Making Notes in the Police Court at Salford.



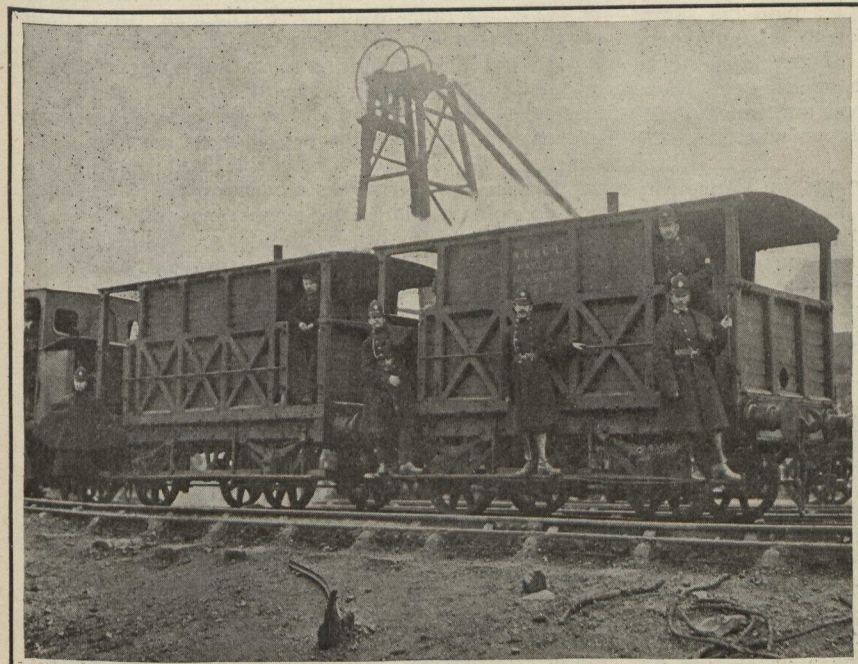
Launch of Britain's Biggest Warship, "Queen Mary," at Jarrow.

COAL mines and warships are at the basis of British political economy. The great strike now dragging to a close has cost the nation in loss of wages, and in the stoppage of industries and shipping about \$180,000,000. The modern navy has been made possible only by the coal mines. In the last analysis if Britain were at sea war with a great naval power, the coal miners would become part of the navy. Coal is not merely king, but absolute ruler in Britain which has no water powers of importance. The strike of the miners, almost paralyzing a nation's industry, was part of a social upheaval which has its phases in other lands, and in Britain takes the form of "syndicalism," a movement which aims to place all great public utilities in the hands of Government. Tom Mann, the labour and syndicalist leader, was arrested for alleged seditious utterances during the strike. Meanwhile two of the biggest warships in the world were being launched; the super-Dreadnought "Ajax" at Greenock in Scotland, and the "Queen Mary" at Jarrow-on-the-Tyne. These vessels were on the stocks long before Lord Beresford's fulmination against Dreadnoughts.

The race for naval supremacy has swung away from the two-power standard to a standard by which warships are turned out of the British dockyards in a discreet ratio to the building of warships by Germany. In all probability if universal free trade were to be adopted by the powers of the world along with a guaranty of perpetual peace millions of people would call it commercial millennium. The cost of navies that earn nothing is out of all proportion to the cost of railways and merchant marine. Canada alone of all great railway-building peoples reverses the ratio.



The Super-Dreadnought, "Ajax," Launched at Greenock the Same Week.



At Wood Pit, Haydock, the Police Were Called in to Check the Riotings of a Thousand Miners.



At the Same Pit, After \$3,500 Had Been Paid Out of the Strike Funds, Only a Week's Pay Remained.

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